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BOROUGH OF BEXHILL

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman:

MR. ALDERMAN G. H. GOODWIN

Vice-Chairman:

MR. COUNCILLOR E. H. CORKE

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR
(MR. ALDERMAN F. COOPER, J.P.)

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MR. COUNCILLOR E. HAYNES

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COUNCILLOR MRS. M. E. ACKLAND

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STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:

Area School Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officer of
Health, East Sussex County Council:

R. J. Toleman, M.B.E. (Mil.), M.B., B.S.(Lond.), D.P.H.(Eng.)

Senior Public Health Inspector:

The late Mr. W. H. Ball, Cert.S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I. (until 8/4/61)

Certified Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

C. E. Lockley, Cert.S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I. (from 1/5/61)

Certified Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

Assistant Public Health Inspector:

S. W. Wild, Cert.S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.

Certified Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

Disinfecting Officer, General Assistant and Rodent Operator:

G. Chalmers.

Clerks:

K. F. Westwood.

Miss N. W. McEvoy.

Maternity and Child Welfare:

Bexhill Nursing Association and East Sussex County Council:

M. and C.W. Clinic:

London Road Clinic, Bexhill: L. M. Rhodes-Clooney, M.B.,
B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Weighing Centre:

Little Common Community Centre.

Ante-Natal Clinics:

London Road Clinic, Bexhill: R. K. Reid, M.A., M.B., B.Chir.,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

E. W. Graham, M.B., B.S.

and at individual surgeries of the General Practitioners in
Bexhill.

Health Visitors and District Nurses:

Bexhill Nursing Association and East Sussex County Council:

*Present Staff:**Full-time Health Visitors:*

Miss L. W. Parks, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V.
Miss B. I. Justice, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V.
Miss A. N. Knapp, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.
Miss G. E. Morgan, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V.

Nurse-Midwives:

Miss G. Silver, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.
Miss D. M. Jull, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V.
Miss M. Richardson, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.
Miss B. Carter, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.

General Nurses:

Mr. A. B. Kurn, S.R.N., Q.N.
Mr. C. G. Martin, S.R.N., Q.N.
Mrs. P. Hubbard, S.R.N., (part-time Relief Nurse)

Tuberculosis:

East Sussex County Council:

A. W. Anderson, M.D.(Lond.), Chest Physician

Venereal Diseases:

W. McAleenan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF BEXHILL

MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1961, which is arranged in accordance with the instructions contained in the Ministry of Health Circular 1/62, dated 18th January, 1962.

Staff

The Senior Public Health Inspector, the late Mr. W. H. Ball, died in April, 1961, after a long illness very patiently and courageously borne. His death was a great loss to the Department which he had served efficiently and well for some 15 years; his long experience and wide knowledge of all matters appertaining to environmental hygiene made a considerable contribution to the health of the town, particularly when new Legislation in regard to Food Hygiene, Housing, etc., had to be implemented by the Health Committee on behalf of the Borough Council.

His death made it possible to implement the Council's Organisation and Methods policy by promoting Mr. C. E. Lockley, to be Senior Public Health Inspector, and Mr. S. Wild, to be an Assistant Public Health Inspector. Both these appointments were dated from the 1st May, 1961. At the same time they were granted Essential Users Car Allowances so that reduction in strength in personnel will not affect materially the work of the Department. It was not possible during 1961 to appoint a Trainee Public Health Inspector owing to the shortage of suitable applicants, and also on account of the re-organisation of the Health Inspectors Section of the Department.

General Standard of Health

This continued to be excellent throughout the year, the only major epidemic being measles which occurred during the first six months of the year (173 cases during the first quarter, and 123 cases during the second quarter), reference to this is made later in the Report.

Details of the climatic conditions which prevailed throughout the year are given in Section A of the report, submitted by Mr. H. J. Sargent, the Borough Meteorologist, from which it will be seen that 1961 was generally a dull year, particularly during the summer months of July, August, September, and that December was particularly cold.

Vital Statistics

INFANT DEATHS

Three infant deaths under the age of one year, one less than in 1960, were registered during 1961, the causes are set out in table 2. Two occurring in the first week, the other at four months. The Infantile Death Rate per 1,000 live births was 11.14 (1960, 12.4) (England and Wales, 21.6).

BIRTHS

The births showed a considerable increase during the year from 241 in 1960, to 269 in 1961. The rate being 9.17 per 1,000 estimated resident population. Adjusted for age and sex distribution of the population, the rate was 11.3 (1960, 11.3).

POPULATION

The Registrar General's figures showed that the estimated mid-year resident population was 29,330. Census figures for the same period being 28,926, giving an increase of approximately 400. Full details of the 1961 Census are not yet available for the Borough of Bexhill.

DEATHS

There were 585 deaths during the year, an increase of 46. Adjusted death rate being 11.97 (England and Wales, 12.0). The average age of death was:—

Males	..	70.95 years (expectation of life, England and Wales, 68.1).
Females	..	76.1 years (expectation of life, England and Wales, 73.9).

CAUSES OF DEATH

The major causes were (i) heart and circulatory disease, 338, as against 311 in 1960, an increase of 27; deaths from coronary thrombosis and angina being 111, as against 107 in 1960 (49 males and 62 females). (ii) Cancer deaths again showed a decrease from the figure in the previous year, i.e. 100, as against 109 in 1960. It is particularly gratifying to note that deaths from cancer of the lung again showed a decrease from 19 in 1960, to 12 in 1961 (10 males and 2 females).

There were two deaths from motor accidents during the year and three from other accident causes, viz.:—

Accidental fall	..	..	1
Carbon monoxide poisoning	..		2

Poliomyelitis

No cases of poliomyelitis were notified during the year. Again this satisfactory state of affairs can almost be certainly attributable to the high percentage of children and adults under 40 years of age being vaccinated against the disease. During 1962 poliomyelitis vaccine will be almost completely oral in administration, and it is hoped that this will improve the figures still further.

Diphtheria

Once again one is happy to report that no cases of diphtheria have been notified during the year. This being the 11th consecutive year in which there have been no cases. Sufficient tribute to the value of diphtheria immunisation, and it is again strongly emphasised that

diphtheria is both a killing and disabling disease and it is only by immunisation of all infants, and by booster doses of those of school age that the disease can be stamped out and no longer considered a potential menace both to the community and the individual.

Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

Sanitary Circumstances

Full details will be found in the later section of the report, while table 16 tells of the numerous visits of the Public Health Inspectors with the variety of duties undertaken; necessary and essential services to the community which go on day after day throughout the year to maintain at a high level the hygiene standards which are a feature of Bexhill.

Mass Radiography

The East Sussex Mass Radiography Unit visited Bexhill during the periods 24th to 27th October, and 31st October to 3rd November, 1961. The following figures were supplied by the Director of the unit:—

				<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total number X-rayed	..	..	..	686	793	1,479
Abnormal films:						
Tuberculosis requiring treatment or close clinical supervision	..	..	..	1	0	1
Tuberculosis requiring occasional clinical supervision	..	..	..	1	1	2
Malignant disease (bronchial carcinoma)				1	0	1
Non-malignant neoplasms	..	..		1	2	3
Sarcoidosis .. .. .	..	..	..	2	0	2
Cardio-vascular lesions	..	..	..	19	14	33

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47 as amended by the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

It was not found necessary to take any action under the above Acts during the year.

National Health Service Act, 1946

There were no changes in the administration of the Ambulance Service during the year. Statistics of journeys carried out in Bexhill and district will be found in Section B.

Once again it is a pleasure to record the courtesy and efficiency of the St. John Ambulance personnel of this essential service, under the very able direction of Superintendent J. Brockhurst.

Vaccination and Immunisation Service

The service continues to be controlled by the County Medical Officer of Health and his department at Lewes, where the records are held. The actual immunisations, of course, being carried out by general practitioners, and the Medical Officer of Health; the latter at the East Sussex County Clinic, London Road, Bexhill, and in conjunction with the School Medical Inspection sessions at the schools, thus minimising visits to the schools and consequent upset of the educational curriculum.

All the statistics for the Borough have been provided by the County Medical Officer of Health, and are included in Section F of this Report. The continued success of the campaign has largely been due to the efforts of the family doctors, and the work of the Health Visiting Nursing Sisters, who visit all mothers and children, as they do, at home, and are always stressing the value of this service and its importance in the field of preventive medicine. The high percentage of those inoculated and vaccinated in Bexhill is a tribute to their untiring efforts and constant drive.

Welfare of the Elderly

(i) CHIROPODY SERVICE

This service expanded during 1961, and continues to fulfill a most important and valuable service. The numbers attending the surgeries of the local chiropodists being 198.

(ii) SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The following is an extract from the first Annual Report which is more or less self-explanatory, giving as it does a factual account of the administration and various activities of the club.

“ Management of the club was in fact formally handed over to the officers and executive committee by the Friends of the Elderly at a very happy little ceremony on 9th April, 1962.

“ The club has tried to provide refreshment for mind and body for residents in Bexhill who are over 60 and of limited means. Self-governing groups under the general authority of the executive committee have been formed providing for a wide variety of tastes; for example, handicrafts and dressmaking, drama, reading, singing including performances at other clubs, social recreation including whist drives and coach outings and (for men only) garden groups.

“ Whether or not members engage in group activities, two comfortable lounges enabled them to meet and talk five days a week. These facilities were especially appreciated during the winter months. Material refreshment soon became popular enough to justify weaning the infant from snacks to a set lunch at 2s. with coffee and light refreshments in the mornings, and teas in the afternoons.

“A guiding principle of the club has been that it should be run by the members for the members, to enable elderly people to demonstrate that they retain their ability to do so and to meet all sorts in the worthwhile activities which old people must engage in if they are to keep young.”

Flooding in Bexhill

There was an absence of serious flooding in Bexhill during the year.

Swimming Pool

Reference to the open-air swimming pool is made in Section C of this Report.

Committees

The Committees responsible for health matters in Bexhill are, with their duties:—

I. HEALTH COMMITTEE

- (a) Public Health and Sanitation.
- (b) Slaughterhouse, the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and regulations made thereunder, Shops Acts and factories and workshops.
- (c) Moveable dwellings.
- (d) The Mortuary.
- (e) Breaches of Bye-laws or Statutes as to matters dealt with by them.
- (f) The service of Notices (other than Preliminary Notices), and, if necessary, the institution of legal proceedings.
- (g) Reconstruction of drains.
- (h) Pollution of streams and watercourses.
- (i) To exercise and carry out the powers and duties of the Council in all matters of urgency relating to the suppression of nuisances and preservation of public health.
- (j) Sewerage and drainage.
- (k) The collection and disposal of house and trade refuse.
- (l) Diseases of Animals Acts.
- (m) Destructive Insects and Pests Acts.
- (n) Riding Establishments Act, 1939.

2. ESTATES AND PARKS COMMITTEE

- (a) The care, control, and management of the Swimming Bath.
- (b) The care, control, and Management of Cemeteries.

3. WATER COMMITTEE

- (a) The supply of water and management and control of the water undertaking of the council.

Again I have to express my warmest thanks to the Public Health Inspectors for carrying out their duties, especially to Mr. C. E. Lockley, who took over the very onerous and responsible post of Senior Public Health Inspector during the year, as well as to Mr. S. Wild, his deputy, both of whom worked extremely hard in the re-organisation of the administration of the environmental health section of the Public Health Department.

The clerical staff, under the direction of Mr. K. Westwood, Chief Clerk, continued their good work, coming into greater contact as they do with the general public, making enquiries, giving information, taking notes of complaints and seeing that the routine work runs smoothly and efficiently. The General Assistant/Rodent Operator, Mr. G. Chalmers, was as usual a key man, dealing as he does with rats, mice, insect infestation, disinfection, drain testing, etc., while this Report could not be considered complete without special mention of the Public Convenience Staff who maintained this essential and necessary service throughout the year at a high level.

To my colleagues, the other chief officers, and in particular the Town Clerk, the department owes a great deal for their co-operation and advice on all occasions, and finally to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and members of the Health Committee, the staff join me in thanking them most warmly for their encouragement and support on all occasions.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentleman,

Your obedient servant,

R. J. TOLEMAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

1962.

Public Health Department,

Town Hall,

Bexhill, Sussex.

(Tel.: Bexhill 936.)

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	8,015 acres
Population	29,330
Number of separate dwelling assessments	10,564
Rateable Value, 1.4.61	£606,682
General Rate levied 1961-62	22s. 6d. in £
Product of 1d. Rate 1961-62	£2,507 6s. 7d.

METEOROLOGY

I am indebted to Mr. H. J. Sargent, the Borough Meteorologist, for the following report for 1961:—

Meteorological observations were carried on throughout the year 1961. Detailed monthly and other reports were transmitted to the Meteorological Office, and information was supplied to the Press, to the publishers of year-books, to insurance companies, to local municipal departments, and to many inquirers.

The rainfall for 1961, 29.96 ins., was 1.17 ins. in excess of the normal. January, following the trend of the later months of the previous year, was notably wet, its fall of 3.71 ins. being 3.35 ins. above the normal. It was the wettest January for 40 years. March, on the other hand, was a month of almost complete drought, its two trivial falls amounting to no more than 0.05 ins. A dry spell occurred in May when there was no rain for 20 consecutive days, and most of the month's total fall, 1.36 ins., fell during the first four days. August, too, had dry conditions—the rain was little more than $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (normal 2.30 ins.)—but it was dull, boisterous at times, and far from ideal as the premier holiday month of the year.

During the year there were 1,738.4 hrs. of bright sunshine, which, although below the normal by 74 hrs., compared favourably with the previous year's total of 1,588.4 hrs. There was a marked deficiency of sunshine during July, August, and September, while June had an excess of 34.1 hrs. in relation to normal.

The mean temperature for the year was 51.8° (normal 50.2°). There were no prolonged spells of hot weather during the summer months, but for a brief period extending from late June into July, day temperatures sometimes exceeded the middle seventies and on one occasion attained 84°. February, March and April were all mild months in relation to normal, and September and October were also much milder than usual. December, which in recent years has so often provided unseasonably warm spells, was cold, especially during the second half, and on the last day produced the only fall of snow for the year.

The full records of daily observations of air-pressure, temperatures, precipitation, sunshine, humidity, winds, clouds, visibility, and other meteorological factors, with notes on general weather conditions throughout the year, are available for reference.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

						Males	Fema'es	Total
Live Births : Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	128	119	247
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	13	9	22
Rate per 1,000 estimated resident popula-								
tion	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	9.17
(Comparability Factor 1.29) Adjusted Birth Rate						—	—	11.3
Stillbirths : Legitimate	...	...	...	..	...	1	—	1
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	.03
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	237	348	585
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident								
population	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	19.95
(Comparability Factor 0.69) Adjusted Death Rate						—	—	13.97
Deaths from puerperal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths of Infants under one year of age :								
Legitimate	...	...	...	.	...	1	1	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Death rate of Infants under one year of age :						—	—	11.15
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)		...	...	...	...	60	40	100
Deaths from Measles (all ages)		...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)		...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths from Diarrhoea		...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths from Scarlet Fever (all ages)		...	...	...	...	—	—	—

TABLE 1
CAUSES OF DEATH

All Causes						Male 237	Female 348
1.	Tuberculosis respiratory	..	..	..	..	1	2
2.	Tuberculosis, other	..	..	..	..	1	—
3.	Syphilitic Disease	..	..	..	..	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	..	..	..	..	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	—	—
8.	Measles	..	..	..	..	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	..	..	..	..	1	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	..	..	..	..	4	6
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	..	..	..	..	10	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	..	..	..	..	—	23
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	..	..	..	..	—	4
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	..	..	..	..	25	26
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	..	..	..	..	—	—
16.	Diabetes	..	..	..	..	1	4
17.	Vascular Lesions of nervous system	..	..	..	..	37	78
18.	Coronary disease, angina	..	..	..	..	49	62
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	..	..	..	..	5	5
20.	Other heart disease	..	..	..	..	26	46
21.	Other circulatory disease	..	..	..	..	9	21
22.	Influenza	..	..	..	..	1	2
23.	Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	11	21
24.	Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	15	9
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	..	..	..	..	2	1
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	..	..	..	..	8	2
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..	..	..	..	4	2
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..	..	—	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..	..	..	1	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	..	..	..	..	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	..	..	..	..	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..	..	..	..	19	24
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	..	2	—
34.	All other accidents	..	..	..	..	1	4
35.	Suicide	..	..	..	..	3	2
36.	Homicide and operations of war	..	..	..	..	—	—

TABLE 2
INFANTILE DEATHS, 1961. TABLE SHOWING CAUSES AND AGES
AT DEATH

Cause	Age in Weeks				Total under 1 Month	Age in Months					Total
	-1	-2	-3	-4		1+	2+	3+	4+	9-12	
Ac. Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Atelectasis	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Prematurity	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1

TABLE 3
INFANTILE DEATHS SHOWN BY CAUSES OF DEATH AND WARD
DISTRIBUTION

Ward	Ac. Pneumonia	Atelectasis	Prematurity
Sidley	1	—	—
Old Town ..	—	1	1

TABLE 4
AGE AT DEATH—ALL CASES, 1961

	Under 1 Year	1	2	3	4	5-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66-75	76-80	Over 80	Total
Males	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	16	29	81	48	56	237
Females	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	10	26	81	74	152	348

TABLE 5
INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1961 SHOWN BY WARDS

Disease	Ward					Total
	Egerton Park	Old Town	Central	Sackville	St. Mark's	Sidley
Whooping Cough	—	1	2	2	—	—
Measles ..	31	31	44	41	103	105
Scarlet Fever ..	1	6	—	4	2	4
Ac. Pneumonia	1	—	1	—	—	1
Erysipelas ..	1	—	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	—	—	—	—
Dysentery (Sonnei)	—	—	—	—	5	1
Meningococcal Meningitis ..	—	—	—	1	—	—
Totals ..	35	39	47	48	110	112
Tuberculosis Notifications	—	—	—	—	—	—
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SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological and pathological examinations continued to be carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at their Brighton laboratory, under Dr. J. E. Jameson, Director.

Ambulance Facilities

While the Ambulances themselves are the property of the Local Health Authority, the Service itself is staffed and run by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Bexhill Division, and continues to function efficiently and satisfactorily by the personnel concerned.

TABLE 6
CALLS, 1961—Three Ambulances

	Patients Carried		Total	No. of Journeys	Total Mileage
	Accident or Emergency	Others, including Invalid, Infectious			
January	12	296	308	250	2,259
February	13	455	468	290	3,189
March	10	369	379	246	2,013
April	24	257	281	216	2,883
May	15	213	228	196	2,472
June	14	327	341	268	2,784
July	26	379	405	298	3,295
August	26	278	304	236	2,074
September ..	25	244	269	233	2,243
October	14	259	273	178	1,747
November ..	23	254	277	189	2,316
December ..	20	215	235	175	2,478

Nursing in the Home

During 1961 the following number of cases were attended by the District Nurses and Health Visitors :

Maternity and Midwifery	..	..	234
General cases	..	..	827

The visits paid were :

Maternity and Midwifery	..	..	2,961
General Nursing	..	..	19,115
Health Visits	..	..	7,845
(Including 881 visits to old people)			
Ante- and Post-Natal	..	..	1,640
Clinic Sessions attended	..	..	577
Mothercraft Classes and Exams. (School)			85
Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes (Ante-Natal) ..	..	..	84
T.B. Visits ..	..	..	4

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Minor Ailments Clinic for School Children,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill : Monday to Friday
at 9 a.m.

Dental Clinic for School Children,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill : By appointment

Infant Welfare Clinic,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill : Every Thursday, 2 p.m.

Infant Welfare Clinic, Little Common, 1st Monday in Month
Community Centre, Shepherds Close, Little Common : at 2 p.m.

Toddlers' Clinic: 2nd Friday in month,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill : morning—by appointment
3rd and 4th Friday in Month
afternoon—by appointment

Ante-Natal Clinic, 1st Fridays, p.m. (Dr. Graham)
London Road Clinic, Bexhill : 3rd Wednesdays, p.m.
(Dr. Reid ; Dr. Holmes-Milner).

Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill : Tuesday afternoons, 3 p.m.

Dental Clinic for Mothers and Pre-School Children
London Road Clinic, Bexhill : By appointment

Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic, 2nd Wednesday in Month,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill : 2.30 p.m.

Little Common Community Centre, 1st Monday in Month
Shepherds Close, Little Common : at 2 p.m.

Vaccination Clinic : Second Wednesday in
London Road Clinic, Bexhill : Month at 2.30 p.m.

Poliomyelitis Clinic, London Road Clinic, Bexhill:	1st Wednesday in Month 10.15 a.m. and 5.30—7 p.m.
Chest Clinic, Bexhill Hospital:	Every Tuesday, 2 p.m.
Venereal Disease Clinic, Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings:	Fridays, 4.30 p.m.-6 p.m.

TABLE 7

Attendances at the Maternity and Child Welfare, Ante-Natal, and Dental Clinics

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic, London Road Clinic, Bexhill:

(1) Number of children who first attended the Centre during the year and who at their first attendance were under 1 year of age	150
(2) Number of children who attended the Centre during the year and who were born in:	
1961	137
1960	134
1955-56	198
Total Children	<hr/> 469 <hr/>
(3) Number of attendances during the year made by children who at the date of attendance were:	
(i) Under 1 year of age	1,495
(ii) Over 1 but under 2 years of age	236
(iii) Over 2 but under 5 years of age	150
Total attendances	<hr/> 1,871 <hr/>
Percentage of registered live births represented by the number in (1)	<hr/> 55.76 <hr/>

Infant Welfare Clinic, Shepherds Close, Little Common:

(1) Number of children who first attended the Centre during the year and who at their first attendance were under 1 year of age	42
(2) Number of children who attended the Centre during the year and who were born in:	

1961	27
1960	21
1959-56	34

Total Children	82
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(3) Number of attendances during the year made by children who at the date of attendance were:

(i) Under 1 year of age	..	..	..	..	..	..	176
(ii) Over 1 but under 2 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	..	63
(iii) Over 2 but under 5 years of age	..	..	..	..	..	..	67
Total attendances	..	..	..	..	..	..	306

Percentage of registered live births represented by the number in (1)	15'67
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Ante-Natal Clinic:

London Road Clinic, Bexhill:

Number of expectant mothers attending	30
Number of attendances	..	..	..	..	..	..	127

Dental Clinic:

Number of attendances by Mothers	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
Number of attendances by Infants	..	..	..	..	..	..	76

Health Visitors

The following statement shows the visits paid by the Health Visitors during the year:

To expectant mothers:

Total visits	147
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To infants 0 to 1 year:

Total visits	2,830
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To children aged 1 to 5 years	2,122
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Maternity and Nursing Homes

The East Sussex County Council is the local supervising Authority under Part VI of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The following particulars with reference to the Homes in Bexhill have been supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health:

Total number of homes registered in the Borough on the 31st

December 1961	6
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Number of applications for registration during 1961	—
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Homes registered during the year	—
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Orders made refusing or cancelling registration	—
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Nursing Homes closed down during the year by owners	1
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SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

1. Water Supply

Under the Bexhill Corporation Act, 1925, the control of the water supply is vested in the Bexhill Corporation.

(a) The Statutory area includes the Borough of Bexhill and seven rural parishes, the water being obtained from three pumping stations and is fed throughout the whole area through 122 miles of mains, and the water supply has been satisfactory both with regard to quality and quantity.

(b) Bacteriological examinations of the raw water and subsequent treatment at the various pumping stations are carried out.

During 1961, a sample was submitted each month for bacteriological and/or chemical examinations of the water supplied to the consumers and in all cases the standard was that required of a public supply.

(c) The water of the Bexhill Area is not liable to plumbo-solvent action.

(d) There are within the Borough 10,828 dwelling-houses and flats supplied direct from the public water mains, and in addition there are 80 houses covered by standpipe supplies and 630 metered trade supplies.

In the statutory area outside the Borough there are 1,183 dwelling-houses and flats directly connected with the public mains, and in addition there are 394 metered supplies.

The average quantity of water used daily during 1961 in the statutory area was 1,592,000 gallons, which represents a increase of 84,000 gallons per day as compared with 1960.

WATER ANALYSIS

Copy of Report on Sample of Water taken on 1st February, 1961

High Level

Chemical Results in Parts per Million

Appearance	..	..	..	..	Bright with very few particles
Colour	..	..	..	..	4
pH	..	..	..	..	7.9
Electric conductivity	..	..	..	..	360
Chlorine present as chloride	..	..	..	..	37
Hardness—Total	..	..	..	..	130
Carbonate	..	..	..	..	100
Non-carbonate	..	..	..	..	30

Nitrate nitrogen	..	..	..	0.7
Ammoniacal nitrogen	..	..	..	0.000
Albuminoid nitrogen	..	..	..	0.023
Metals—Iron, Zinc, Copper and Lead	Absent			
Turbidity	..	..	..	Less than 3
Odour	..	..	..	Nil
Free carbon dioxide	..	..	..	2
Dissolved solids dried at 180°C.	..	..	..	240
Alkalinity as calcium carbonate	..	..	..	100
Nitrite nitrogen	..	..	..	Absent
Oxygen absorbed	..	..	..	0.55
Residual chlorine	..	..	..	Absent

Bacteriological Results

Number of Colonies developing on Agar:

1 day at 37°C.	..	..	4 per ml.
2 days at 37°C.	..	..	5 per ml.
3 days at 20°-22°C.	..	..	7 per ml.

Presumptive Coliform reaction Present in – ml.
 Absent from ml.
 Probable number 0 per 100 ml.

Bact. Coli (Type 1) Present in – ml.
 Absent from 100 ml.
 Probable number 0 per 100 ml.

Cl. welchii reaction Present in – ml.
 Absent from 100 ml.

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance, has a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and is free from metals. The hardness of the water is very moderate and it contains no excess of mineral or saline constituents in solution. Its organic quality and bacterial purity are of a high standard.

These are satisfactory results indicating a pure and wholesome water suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

Maintenance and cleaning of sewers has received the usual attention. The provision of satisfactory drainage for the new properties has been carried out by the private developers in accordance with the approved plans.

3. Rivers and Streams

Cleansing has been carried out of ditches and streams that are the Council's liability. Private landowners can contribute materially to

the relief of flooding during storm times if they ensure that old watercourses on their land are not destroyed and that all watercourses are kept free from obstruction.

4. Public Cleansing

A satisfactory refuse collection service has been maintained on a weekly frequency.

5. Sanitary Inspection of the Area

During 1961, 7,463 visits were paid by the Public Health Inspectors. The nature of the inspections, together with the list of notices served and the results of such notices are included in the Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector, which appears at the end of this Report.

6. Factories, Workshops and Workplaces

During the year 292 visits were paid to factories, workshops and workplaces. Twelve notices were served during the year, of which 11 were complied with at the end of the year.

7. Moveable Dwellings

There are 19 licensed sites, giving accommodation for 256 caravans and 99 tents in the area.

Routine inspection of fairs and circuses have been carried out and the usual high standard was found.

Youth Organisations again visited the area for camping holidays.

The arrangements at the various sites were kept under observation.

8. Smoke Abatement

Premises were kept under observation from time to time—28 visits were made.

The principal industries are gas works, brick works and dry-cleaning works. Railway operations also come within the sphere of activity.

9. Swimming Pool

The first stage of the swimming pool improvements was begun in the Autumn, and it is hoped that this will be completed by the time the summer season begins in 1962.

These include improvements to dressing accommodation, better access, cafeteria service, foot cleaning facilities for all bathers before

entering the bath; improvement in the surrounds, in short a much more satisfactory state of affairs all round.

The bacteriological samples were satisfactory, and the staff as usual, efficient and obliging.

10. Eradication of Vermin

A total of 8 complaints was received in respect of premises infested with vermin—1 Council and 6 private premises were disinfested.

In connection with re-housing in Council Houses, 58 visits were paid. Furniture and effects were inspected prior to re-housing.

11. Offensive Trades

There are two premises in the area which come within the definition of offensive trades, i.e. two rag and bone dealers.

12. Fish Frying Premises

There are three premises in the Borough where this trade is carried on. Fourteen visits were made during the year.

13. Pig-Keeping, Poultry-Keeping and Rabbit-Keeping

The Officers of the Department have supervised premises where pig-keeping, poultry-keeping and rabbit-keeping are pursued, and in this connection 3 visits were paid to premises for poultry and rabbit-keeping and 29 visits for pig-keeping.

14. Shops Acts

SHOPS ACT, 1950

EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1920

Under the Shops Act, 1950, 390 visits were made to shops during the year in relation to lighting, heating and ventilation and general sanitation.

That part of the Act dealing with hours of work for assistants and general closing hours was also dealt with.

The long awaited Act dealing with Offices and Shops has not yet reached the Statute Book but it is expected to be made law in the Autumn of 1962.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1959

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
		Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	16	35	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	97	238	6	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority † (excluding out-workers' premises).	8	18	6	—
TOTAL	121	291	12	—

† *i.e.* Electrical Stations [Section 103(1)], Institutions, (Section 104 and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (5) By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	6	6	—	—
(a) insufficient	5	4	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	1	1	—	—
TOTAL	12	11	—	—

OUTWORK
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (4)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (5)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (6)	Notices served (7)	Prosecutions (8)
Wearing apparel { Making, etc. Household linen Lace, lace curtains and nets Curtains and furniture hangings Furniture and upholstery Electro-plate File making Brass and brass articles Fur pulling Iron and steel cables and chains Iron and steel anchors and grapnels Cart gear Locks, latches and keys Umbrellas, etc. Artificial flowers Nets, other than wire nets	4 } NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

OUTWORK—continued
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (4)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (5)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (6)	Notices served (7)	Prosecutions (8)
Tents	NIL					
Sacks						
Racquet and tennis balls						
Paper bags						
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper... .. .						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolate and sweetmeats						
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL	4					

SECTION D

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected by the Council during the year :—

Traditional Type Brick Houses	...	...	—
One bedroom Flats	...	...	12
Conversions to Flatlets	...	...	11

General details with regard to inspection of dwelling houses are submitted in the following tabular form :—

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year

(i) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	610
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose...	...	...	...	...	1,418
(ii) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925, and 1932	...	...	...	...	17
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose...	...	...	...	...	36
(iii)	Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	21

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	24
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

(a) Proceedings under Section 4 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(i)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	Nil
(ii)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—			
(a)	By owners	...	...	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	Nil

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	4
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil

(c) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957:—

(i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	1
(ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1957

During the year 2 complaints with regard to overcrowding were investigated by the Department.

5. Reconditioning of Houses

Twenty-four houses were rendered fit in consequence of informal action, and after two formal notices.

6. Housing Programme

The undermentioned table, supplied by the Corporation Housing Department, sets out details with regard to applications for housing accommodation and the number rehoused at 31st December, 1961.

I. APPLICATIONS

(a) Total number of applications on Housing Register as at 31st December, 1961	436
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(b) Applications from non-residents	17
(c) Applicants working in Bexhill but living out of the Borough	6

2. RE-HOUSED

(a) Total number of families re-housed by the Committee since June, 1945	1,540
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3. THE BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR 1961 is as follows:—

- (a) 12 Units of Aged Persons Accommodation.
(Conversion of property into Aged Persons Flatlets—replacement of temporary bungalows).

7. Housing—Clearance Areas

There was no demolition under this heading.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

16 visits were made by Public Health Inspectors to dealers' premises and dairies during 1961.

REGISTRATIONS

The accompanying table gives details of the regulations effected and the licences issued during the year:

Food and Drugs Act, 1959
Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955—REGISTRATIONS

No. of Registered Dairies	..	..	..	..	..	2
No. of Registered Distributors	..	..	..	..	..	47

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1960 LICENCES:

The issue of Licences to sell Pasteurised, Sterilised and Tuberculin-Tested milk is now the responsibility of the East Sussex County Council.

The following licences were issued by that Authority

Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation " Sterilised "	..	..	..	..	..	9
Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation " Pasteurised "	..	..	..	..	..	44
Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation " Tuberculin Tested "	..	..	..	..	..	41

Pasteurised Milk

During the year there was one pasteurising plant operating within the Borough and three sources of supply of milk were treated at plants outside the Borough.

(b) Food Hygiene

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Number of Food Premises in the Area

Type:

Cafes	..	..	..	..	..	..	52
Butchers	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Greengrocers	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
Dairies	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Grocers	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Wet Fish	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Fried Fish	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Bread and Confectionery	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Miscellaneous, including sweets and ice-cream							50

Licensed Premises	23
Hotels and Guest Houses	100

Total	356
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Total shops in Area	505
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NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

For the manufacture and sale of Sausages or Potted, Pickled or Preserved Food ..	21
For the manufacture and/or sale of ice-cream	115

The number of Notices served was 20 of which 6 had been
complied with by the end of the year.

TABLE 8
SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN WITH REGARD TO MEAT
AND OTHER FOODS

Meat	Total Weight	
	lbs. ozs.	lbs. ozs.
Beef	68 12	68 12
Tinned Meat		
Pork Luncheon Meat.. .. .	41 8	
Corned Beef	68 4	
Casserole Steak	5 15½	
Jellied Veal	18 0	
Minced Beef Loaf	1 8	
Ox Tongue	6 0	
Steak and Kidney Pudding	1 0	
		142 2½
Miscellaneous		
Cereals	4 3	
Confectionery	54 0	
Dried Fruit	12 0	
Apples	360 0	
Suet	8 0	
		438 3
Fresh Fish	95 0	
		95 0
Miscellaneous Tinned Goods.. .. .	80 11½	
		80 11½
Bacon and Ham—tinned and otherwise ..	48 5	
		48 5
		873 2
Disposal		
Animal Feeding and Manufacturing Purposes ..		873 2

TABLE 9
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Adulteration

The East Sussex County Council is the Authority for the administration of this sub-section, and the following information has been received from that Authority:—

Articles	No. of Samples Taken		Genuine		Adulterated	
	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal
Milk	—	110	—	104	—	6
Channel Island milk ..	—	5	—	5	—	—
Cartons of Milk ..	—	6	—	6	—	—
Tinned Fruit	—	5	—	5	—	—
Ground Almonds and Marzipan	—	4	—	4	—	—
Meat and Fish Pastes	—	3	—	3	—	—
Tinned Fish	—	3	—	2	—	1
Soft Drinks	—	3	—	3	—	—
Jams and Preserves ..	—	2	—	2	—	—
Sweets	—	2	—	2	—	—
Spirits	—	2	—	2	—	—
Double Cream	—	1	—	1	—	—
Yoghourt	—	1	—	1	—	—
Ice cream	—	1	—	1	—	—
Dairy Ice Cream ..	—	1	—	1	—	—
Cider	—	1	—	1	—	—
Currants	—	1	—	1	—	—
Sultanas	—	1	—	1	—	—
Stoned Dates	—	1	—	1	—	—
Savoury Nut Meat ..	—	1	—	1	—	—
Fish cakes	—	1	—	1	—	—
Sausage roll	—	1	—	1	—	—
Minced Beef	—	1	—	1	—	—
Fruit Cake	—	1	—	1	—	—
Margarine	—	1	—	1	—	—
Instant Coffee	—	1	—	1	—	—
Home-Mix Ice Cream	—	1	—	1	—	—
Milk Shake Syrup ..	—	1	—	1	—	—
Cut Green Beans ..	—	1	—	1	—	—
Cut Mixed Peel	—	1	—	1	—	1
Pineapple Shortcake Biscuits	—	1	—	1	—	1

The six samples of milk reported as substandard were genuine milk but deficient in solids not fat. The farmer concerned was informed and subsequent samples were satisfactory.

The pineapple shortcake biscuits contained no pineapple flavour and this matter was taken up with the manufacturers.

The cut mixed peel did not have statement of ingredients, and the tinned fish (sardines) did not have a declaration of salt.

These matters were reported to the packers.

Ice Cream

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947-52

Eighty-two samples were submitted for examination with the following results:—

Grade 1, 55; Grade 2, 22; Grade 3, 2; Grade 4, 3.

In assessing the hygienic quality of ice cream it is generally accepted that the product should attain either Grade 1 or 2.

The results show that of the samples taken during the year 1961, 94 per cent. satisfied the requirements of Grades 1 and 2.

Five samples of ice cream were taken in order to ascertain the quality of the product, which is based on a Fat Content Standard of 5 per cent. All samples were found to be satisfactory.

Strict supervision is given to premises where ice cream is handled; and this is reflected in the high standard of samples.

Number of manufacturing premises: 1.

Number of registered retail premises: 115.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The table below summarises the notifications for the year together with the Hospital admissions.

TABLE 10

Diseases	Notifications received	Cases admitted to Isolation Hospital	Deaths
Whooping Cough	5	—	—
Measles	355	—	—
Scarlet Fever ..	17	1	—
Ac. Pneumonia	3	—	—
Erysipelas ..	2	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	—	—
Dysentery (Sonnei)	6	—	—
Meningococcal			
Meningitis ..	1*	—	—
Chicken Pox ..	—	2	—
Mumps	—	2	—
Mumps-contacts	—	4	—

* Case in Bexhill Hospital at time of notification.

Vaccination

Twelve public sessions of Vaccination were held during the year on the second Wednesday in the month at the East Sussex County Clinic, London Road, at 2.30 p.m. The following table gives particulars of the number vaccinated and revaccinated at the Clinic and by General Practitioners.

TABLE 11

**NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED (or re-vaccinated) DURING
YEAR 1961**

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number Vaccinated	210	14	20	8	21	273
Number Re-Vaccinated	3	—	9	86	236	334

**NUMBER OF CASES SPECIALLY REPORTED DURING PERIOD (age
groups as above)**

(a) Generalised Vaccinia	1	—	—	—	—	1
(b) Post-vaccinal Encephalo- myelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Death from complications of vaccination other than (a) and (b)	—	—	—	—	—	—

Diphtheria Immunisation

Forty-Five sessions for inoculation were held during the year and particulars of the numbers dealt with and including those dealt with by private practitioners, are shown in the following table.

TABLE 12

	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1952- 1956	1947- 1951	Total
Number of children who completed a full course of Primary Immunisation ..	137	130	11	13	11	43	44	389
Number of children who received a rein- forcing injection ..	3	1	1	1	6	358	482	852

78 per cent of the children under the age of five, and 76 per cent of those under 15, in the County Area, have been Immunised, figures which compare favourably with 64 per cent, and 51 per cent for England and Wales. These figures were supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health, separate figures for Bexhill are not available.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

There were 24 public sessions of Poliomyelitis Vaccination held during the year on the first Wednesday in the month at the East Sussex Clinic, London Road, Bexhill.

TABLE 13
WHOOPIING COUGH CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1951-1961

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Under 1 year	11	2	7	2	—	5	2	1	1	2	—
1 year	17	4	46	19	2	2	3	2	1	—	—
2 years						6	4	2	—	2	2
3 years	24	6	65	36	4	8	8	3	—	2	1
4 years						11	2	1	1	—	—
5-9 years	41	8	96	41	8	16	4	6	1	2	2
10-14 years	11	—	10	2	—	3	1	—	—	6	—
15-24 years	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 and over	3	1	4	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Total	110	21	229	103	15	52	25	15	4	14	5

Tuberculosis

TABLE 14

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0—5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—64	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—
Over 65	3	1	—	—	2	1	—	—
Totals	3	3	—	1	2	2	—	—

The number of cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at the end of 1961, was as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	78	69	147
Non-Pulmonary	5	6	11
	83	75	158

It will be seen that there has been an increase of 9 cases over the 1960 figure, i.e. 158 as against 149.

There were 7 new notifications, and investigation of these shows that:—

3 were males over 65 years of age.

3 were females in the 45-64 years' group.

1 was a female in the Over 65 years' group.

In addition there were 12 Inward Transfers, making 19 cases in all. Against these there were 6 deaths, (two from other causes than primary tuberculosis), while 4 cases left the area, making a total of 10 off the Register, which gives a net increase of 9 for the year.

Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector

MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have pleasure in submitting the Report for 1961.

The year was overshadowed by the death of Mr. W. H. Ball, the Senior Public Health Inspector, at the early age of 56 years, which took place on 8th April. Mr. Ball came from Shipley in 1946 and proved himself to be an able administrator and organiser. He rendered valuable service to the Borough during the immediate post-war years and he will not be easily forgotten.

I was appointed to the senior post in May and my colleague, Mr. S. Wild, was made Assistant Public Health Inspector. The post of Third Inspector was not filled and this has inevitably meant that routine inspection work has suffered.

Since the Third Inspector was first appointed in 1951, the town has increased considerably in size and rateable value and the population has increased by 3,000. In addition, new legislation continues to appear and we are now awaiting a new Offices and Shops Act. However, every effort was made to cope with day-to-day matters and those problems peculiar to a seaside town.

An outstanding matter in 1961 proved to be the action by the Department to clear an enormous accumulation of rubbish from a house in Belle Hill. The house and outbuildings were also found to be infested with rats. It took four days of continuous work to remove the rubbish which amounted to 30 lorry loads. The help and support received from the Town Clerk's and Surveyor's Departments made my task much easier than it otherwise would have been.

General Observations

HOUSING

The clearance work initiated by my predecessor was carried forward and at the end of the year all that remained to be done was the rehousing of the occupants.

HOUSING GRANTS

Despite continued publicity in the Press regarding the availability of these grants progress was again extremely slow and the number of grants for tenanted houses only reached the total of 10.

CESSPOOLS

With the continued development of Pebsham more houses were connected to the public sewer and water supply and this part of the town is rapidly losing its rural charm.

The Council's scheme for taking a sewer to Normans Bay and improving the water supply there began to take shape and it is to be hoped that this part of the Borough will soon have these amenities.

FOOD PREMISES

Close attention was paid to the Borough's food-preparing premises and progress was maintained.

CLEAN AIR ACT

Complaints were again received from residents concerning the Glyne Gap Gas Works and Lunsford Brick Works.

The Alkali Inspector who is responsible for the supervision of works of this nature was informed and he visited the Works concerned and also interviewed some of the complainants.

FOOD HYGIENE

The inspection of food premises, shops, cafes, hotels and guest houses proceeded throughout the year.

No. of premises inspected	..	..	..	73
No. of Notices served	..	..	..	20
No. of Notices complied with (This includes notices outstanding from previous years) ..				13

Details of items remedied are appended below.

TABLE 15

Scrape walls and ceiling and limewash	..	..	..	..	3
Cleanse and colour wash walls and ceilings	..	..	..	..	1
Cleanse and repaint walls and ceilings	..	..	..	..	1
Provide and fix new wash hand basin, etc.	..	..	..	..	3
Notice requiring washing of hands	..	..	..	..	4
Provide shades for electric lights	..	..	..	..	1
Provide soap, towels, nail brushes	..	..	..	..	1
Provide first-aid box, etc.	..	..	..	..	2
Defective wall plaster	..	..	..	..	4
Defective ceiling plaster	..	..	..	..	2
Provide new sink	..	..	..	..	4

Little Common Recreation Ground.. ..	Male and Female
Downs Arch	Male and Female
Glyne Gap	Male and Female
Buckhurst Place	Female only
Sackville Arch	Male only

As usual these premises called for constant supervision and continual work to keep them up to a satisfactory standard. At the close of the year plans were on foot to renew fittings in the Marina Gents convenience.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

The issue of Site Licences for existing sites was completed during the early part of the year.

A number of conferences with Site Operators took place and some progress was made in bringing the sites into conformity with the Act.

A large number of visits was made to the sites which were without exception found to be maintained in a sanitary and orderly condition.

The accompanying tables set out the nature and scope of the work carried out by the department during the course of the year:—

TABLE 16

Housing inspection, P.H.A.	566
Visits re above	1,312
Housing inspection, H.A.	44
Visits re above	106
Housing Survey	8
Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954	2
Overcrowding	2
Water supply	10
Water Samples procured :	
Main Supply	11
Swimming Bath	9
Smoke abatement	7
Smoke Observations	21
Schools	4
Moveable dwellings	147
Stables and/or piggeries	29
Poultry/Rabbit keeping	3
Factories—mechanical power	238
Factories—non mechanical power	53
Workplaces—general	1
Offices	1
Outworkers	1
Shops Acts, 1950	390
Public conveniences	388

Theatres, cinemas	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Drainage—general	...	...	...	...	...	...	428
Drainage—testing by :							
(a) Smoke	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
(b) Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	...	212
Other sanitary visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	176
Dustbins/Ashes receptacles	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Works in progress	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	87
Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pet Animals Act, 1951	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Heat Appl. (Fireguards)	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
Fried fish shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Fishmongers and poulterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Greengrocers and fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	175
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Dairies and milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Ice cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	96
Ice cream sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	87
Milk sampling—							
(a) Chemical	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
(b) Methylene Blue	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Food preparing premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	...	97
Other food visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Infectious Disease and disinfection	...	...	...	...	...	...	76
Disinfestation, general	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Disinfestation, bugs, fleas etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Rats and mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,968
Noise Abatement Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
							<hr/> 7,463 <hr/>

COMPLAINTS

1955	..	..	..	..	..	..	758
1956	..	..	..	..	..	..	720
1957	..	..	..	..	..	..	707
1958	..	..	..	..	..	..	708
1959	..	..	..	..	..	..	655
1960	..	..	..	..	..	..	638
1961	..	..	..	..	..	..	617

TABLE 17

Conditions of premises	8
Beetles, Ants, Flies etc.	51
Dampness	29
Stoving and/or Disinfection of room/Articles..	27
Drainage and Sanitary Fittings	37
Accumulation of refuse	21
Food	24
Flooding	9
Housing Defects	27
Smoke Nuisance	4
Overcrowding	2
Verminous premises	8
Absence of or defective dustbins	3
Overgrown land	8
Keeping of animals	10
Bad smells	26
Noise	7
Miscellaneous	22
Rats and Mice	294
 Total	 617

SANITARY DEFECTS AND NOTICES**TABLE 18**

Statutory Notices served during 1961	13
Statutory Notices complied with during 1961	4
Statutory Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1961	9
Informal Notices served during 1961	188
Informal Notices complied with during 1961	156
Informal Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1961	32

HOUSE INSPECTION AND SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS

24 houses as a result of informal action and 2 as a result of formal action were rendered fit. The following tables show the sanitary improvements effected during the year:—

TABLE 19

Drains entirely constructed	1
Drains repaired	18
New branch drains	4
Additional inspection chambers constructed	2
Choked drains	32
New frames and covers to existing drains	2
Defective waste pipes	5
Absence of trap to waste pipe	1
Defective channels	1
Defective soil pipes	1
Absence of stopper to raking arm	2
Cesspools emptied	4
Defective or overflowing cesspool	4
Defective or overflowing septic tank	2
Defective rain-water pipe	4
Defective eavesgutter	10
Ditches require cleansing	1
Defective W.C. pan	3
Defective W.C. seat	3
Defective W.C. flushing cistern	4
Defective W.C. pedestal	1
Insanitary and defective sinks	1
Defective plaster to walls	9
Defective plaster to ceilings	9
Defective external walls	5
Dampness of walls	20
Damp ceilings	3
Defective ceilings	1
Dampness general	4
Rising dampness	5
Defective air bricks	1
Defective fire wall	1
Defective floors	3
Defective roofs	19

Defective and dangerous chimney stacks	3
Defective fireplaces and grates	2
Defective kitchen ranges	3
Defective chimney flues	4
Defective doors and cupboards	2
Defective stair treads	2
Defective or absence of handrail	1
Defective sashes and frames.. .. .	19
Defective and badly fitting windows	1
Defective cills	1
No permanent ventilation to food store	1
Defective steps	1
Defective yard paving	3
Dustbins provided	68
Defective dust chute/refuse container	1
Accumulation of refuse/manure	3
Keeping of animals/hens	1
Overgrown land	2
Miscellaneous	19

TABLE 20
SUMMARY OF ROOMS DISINFECTED

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer ..	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Erysipelas ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chicken Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vermin ..	—	—	—	—	6	13	18	—	8	4	10	1	60
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	1	—	2	1	8	13	18	—	8	4	10	1	66

TABLE 21
ARTICLES DISINFECTED OR DESTROYED

Article	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Wearing Apparel ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bed Covers ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Mattresses ..	2	—	1	2	5	4	3	1	2	11	3	—	34
Feather Beds ..	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Eiderdowns ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Bolsters ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pillows ..	13	6	—	8	6	9	12	4	—	36	13	2	109
Blankets ..	2	—	—	—	16	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	27
Sheets ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3
Miscellaneous ..	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	8
Totals ..	22	11	3	10	27	13	28	6	2	47	17	2	188

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

During the year 292 visits were paid to factories, workshops and workplaces, 12 notices being served. Eleven of the notices had been complied with at the end of the year.

The following details are of the items in the notices served.

Factories Act, 1937

SECTION 7:

Dirty walls and ceiling	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dirty floor	..	..	..	..	..	4
Pedestal dirty	..	..	..	..	..	2
Defective ring seat to pedestal	..	..	..	..	..	1
Absence of closet accommodation on building site	..	..	..	..	..	7
Conveniences not properly designated	..	..	..	..	..	1

DISINFESTATION, DISINFECTION AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Steam disinfection of bedding, clothing and other articles is carried out at the Disinfection Station, St. Mary's Lane, Bexhill.

No. of rooms fumigated	..	..	..	66
No. of articles disinfected or destroyed	..	..	..	188
No. of visits paid	..	..	..	76

RODENT CONTROL

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

A total of 294 complaints were received and, 1968 visits were made to premises and land.

<i>No. of complaints</i>	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>	<i>Total</i>
1961	220	74	294
1960	197	86	283
1959	160	111	271
1958	198	131	329
1957	211	131	342

Total number of visits paid

1961	1,968
1960	2,019
1959	1,549
1958	2,398
1957	2,773

This work was in the capable hands of Mr. G. Chalmers, and was carried out in his usual careful and conscientious manner.

Refuse Tip

During the year the Council decided to discontinue the tipping of domestic refuse at the Corporation Tip in St. Mary's Lane. This was a wise decision in view of building development in the vicinity. The levelling of the tip by bulldozing the surface is the next step in rendering this area of land more attractive to the eye.

Farm Premises

22 visits of survey were made by the Rodent Officer. There are 63 premises within the Borough which are classed as Agricultural.

INFESTATIONS:

3 premises treated by the occupier.

1 premises treated by the Council's Rodent Officer.

Sewers

In view of the satisfactory position regarding rat infestation in the public sewers the work of pre-baiting certain manholes has been discontinued until 1964.

CONCLUSION

During the year under review I received loyal support from my colleagues in the Department.

Many problems were discussed with the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. R. J. Toleman, and his advice often proved invaluable.

To the Chairman, members of the Health Committee and to all members of the Council, I would tender my sincere thanks for their consideration and support without which the work would tend to become oppressive at times.

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